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It's all but a no for HHHS levy

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

All debate about levying the almost \$1 million remaining on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services' capital loan is now officially caput.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison says that the will and means to do so at the political level are simply not there.

"If the will is not at the county level, you'll lose that much more when it gets down to the municipalities," said Harrison, who addressed the issue at both a county council meeting on Wednesday and a HHHS board of directors meeting on Thursday.

The idea of a levy to solve the HHHS debt was a riddle that now seems to have no solution. Provincial legislation will not allow the county to implement a flat tax, so any such levy would have to be drawn from property taxes at the level of the four individual municipalities.

Harrison said at the onset of the \$6 million capital loan, she would have had 90 per cent support for a levy among her constituents. Now, seven years on from the birth of the HHHS foundation, she believes it would be likely be only half of that. Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey said those percentages would closely mirror his own municipality.

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Winking witch

Young witch Paige Billings winks away the day at the annual Ontario Early Years Halloween luncheon in Haliburton last week.

Politicians vow to counteract property value increases

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Local politicians are promising to do their best to adjust municipal tax rates in light of the recent property assessment increases.

"We knew there was going to be quite an increase," says Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman. "But you know, just because the assessment goes up doesn't mean your taxes will go up."

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation mailed assessment notices to ratepayers early last week. Haliburton County was hit with some of the most dramatic hikes in the province – especially on waterfront residences, which on average increased 35 to 40 per cent. Some properties have gone up as much as 52 per cent in value since the last re-assessment two years ago.

The variation depends on whether the waterfront dwelling was a year around residence or a summer cottage. (Summer cottage assessment increases were typically higher by about five per cent).

In Highlands East, waterfront residences shot up an average of 29 to 36 per cent. Hikes in Dysart et al were even more severe, with 35 to 41 per cent increases. Both municipalities were well above the provincial increase average of 25 per cent in waterfront values.

"It's what we anticipated and hopefully we can reflect that in the tax rate," says Murray Fearrey, reeve of Dysart et al.

But it wasn't just lakeside owners who saw changes in their property value. Non-

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Fleming architects get drawn into design

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news and events worth noting

THE DESIGNERS of the Haliburton Fleming College campus have been nominated for the Canadian Wood Council's prestigious design award. WoodWORKS! Recognizes excellence in wood-based construction. Diamond and Schmitt Architects has been nominated for the Small Institutional Award for the 30,000 sq. ft. campus which was built in Glebe Park using locally grown and milled hemlock for almost half the structure. It also incorporated details in an expressive and contemplative manner intended to inspire both staff and students. The winners will be announced at the awards gala in Collingwood on November 24.

Keith Burns phoned to say that after receiving more than 200 winter coats for the annual coat exchange, no further coats are needed. The coats, which were drycleaned for free by Lindsay Cleaners, can be picked up on Saturday, November 5 at Wintergreen maple syrup barn in Gelert from 9 a.m. to roughly 2 p.m.. Most of the coats are for children but there are some for adults. And the best thing about them is that they're free. The community owes a vote of thanks to

Keith and Frances Burns for taking on this worthwhile volunteer charity event.

On Tuesday, November 8, representatives from the

Ontario Crafts Council will be at Fleming College from 12 until 1:30 p.m. for a free information session. Artisans are encouraged to find out how the OCC can help them build and benefit their career.



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Give a Smile: Axis Village Court Pharmacy owner Amin Shivji shows his "smile" off for the "Hope for the Children of Honduras" charity initiative sponsored by the Axis Pharmacy Charity Fund. By contributing one dollar with each signed smile donors will be helping Honduras students in Grade 1 and 2, reducing the 50 per cent drop-out rate in the country. The charity fund will match each of the participating locations' donation totals (up to \$500). In a recent charitable action the Axis stores raised more than \$40,000 for Save the Children Canada. Out of 32 stores Haliburton's location raised the highest total for tsunami relief.

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Hundreds line up for free flu shot

Yet few express concern about avian bird flu

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

With so much of the news filled with stories about a possible avian bird flu pandemic, most people are keeping the risk of getting sick in perspective.

The people who lined up for the season's first flu vaccination clinic know there's no reason to panic.

If they mentioned the avian bird flu at all, it was in a light-hearted manner, says Dr. Norm Bottum, one of four health professionals from the Haliburton Family Medical Centre who jabbed 685 people in the arm with a needle on Wednesday.

"Most people are joking about it if anything," he said as people lined up for the free vaccination at the Haliburton Legion. "The odd person has asked about it but most people know there's a lot of hype. Being up here, too, we realize that things will hit the city before it hits here."

In the past, it was primarily older people who got the annual shot. Now, with school children getting vaccinated and a public awareness campaign stressing the importance of getting the shot, people of all ages are rolling up their shirt-sleeves for the painless needle.

As well, as more people get vaccinated, fears about vaccination are diminished. Dr. Bottum says that people used to worry that the flu shot itself will make you ill. Once you get one and realize it doesn't, you're far more receptive to getting the shot again.

"As more people get the vaccine, the myths are dispelled," he said.

The health unit's Bill Eekhof says the images on CNN of last year's flu vaccine shortage also probably prompted people to make sure they got their shot this year.

He agrees that there's been very little local concern about the avian flu. No one has called the health unit, which would co-ordinate any local initiatives in case of a pandemic, to ask questions about it.

"It really hasn't registered locally," he said.

The flu shot won't necessarily prevent you from getting the flu, but it will lessen the severity of the illness. That's because the shot is re-designed every year to fight the most common types of flu making the rounds.

This year the vaccine will fight against A/New Caledonia (H1N1), A/New York (H3N2) and B/Jiangsu (virus anti-gens.)



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Comforting shot:

(from left) Jennifer Casey comforts her son, two-and-a-half-year-old Reese Casey while he receives his first influenza shot during the Haliburton Family Medical Clinic's influenza inoculation at the Haliburton Legion in Haliburton on Oct. 25. 683 people received their shot. Their next scheduled date is from 12 - 3 p.m. on Nov. 8. In Wilberforce a

Teachers strike looms at Fleming

Contract negotiations 'very disappointing'

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

A "very disappointed" Dr. Tony Tilly, president of Fleming College, reported to his board of governors that talks have broken off between the college teachers' union and management.

The remarks were in reference to a labour dispute that may lead to a massive teachers' strike, which would in effect shut down community colleges across the province by as early as March.

"It's a grave concern to us all at the college," said Dr. Tilly at the college's board of governors' meeting on Wednesday at the Haliburton campus.

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) represents about 8,000 college teachers, librarians, and counsellors. Negotiations have been meandering between the two sides since early this year until talks broke off most recently on Tuesday.

Both sides have been negotiating with an appointed central bargaining team to reach a solution. Unfortunately, talks have resulted only in what one union representative calls positional bargaining at it's worse.

"Right now, it's very disturbing," said

Gary Bonczak, president of OPSEU Local 352, the chapter that represents teachers of Fleming College. "I don't think either side has been negotiating in good faith."

Bonczak said that union members were to vote on management's latest offer on Oct. 29, an offer he says would be soundly rejected. If talks don't resume in the coming months, a strike vote in February could progress to an all-out

action is not taken, a prospect that would cost the province \$42 billion. At a recent conference she attended, there was talk about forging partnerships between the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and skills training facilities.

One of the clear pathways to increasing the trade workforce, said Jack, will be Ontario community colleges like Fleming College.

"We agree, of course, 100 per cent with that assessment and hopefully the government will act on it," said Jack.

Dr. Tilly said that the board must also carefully examine recent statistics that reveal a close relationship between students' college and university aspirations. Two thirds of college students have "some interest" in getting a degree while one third say they are "very interested" in getting one. The issue of lubricating the pathways between these two types of credentials appeared to be of great interest to Dr.



Fleming College President Dr. Tony Tilly is hoping he doesn't have to deal with a possible teachers' strike next semester. Negotiations between the union and management have reached a stalemate.

strike in March.

On a lighter note, visiting board members were given a tour of the Haliburton campus as well as the new 4Cs home, the environmentally-sound building on York St. made by Fleming College sustainable development students.

Meanwhile, board member Sandra Jack informed her colleagues that Ontario will be short 100,000 trade skills workers by the year 2020 if government

Tilly.

Dr. Tilly also commended the efforts of Haliburton local Carole Finn, who recently retired from the fundraising group Friends of Fleming College. Finn is considered one of the architects of the now thriving art community in the county.

"Carole was one of the visionaries who said there should be a Banff school in the east," said Dr. Tilly.

Price is right for Highlands East properties

Council happy with bids it received for surplus lands

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Last year's tenders for surplus land sales in Highlands East didn't go so well. In fact, bids were so low that council decided to do it over again this year – this time it was met with some success. Council passed a resolution for the tenders they received, which accounted for less than half of the surplus land available for sale. However, all the successful tenders either matched or exceeded its assessed value.

Building official quits

Chief Building Official Bill Knifton has resigned from his post and accepted another position.

The surprise revelation comes a month after the municipality hired a deputy building official to assist with permit issues. It is not known whether the new employee will be promoted to Knifton's post or whether a new building official will be brought in.

Trail access

Paudash Trail Blazers submitted a request to access a small portion of municipal land behind the septage trench site. The snowmobile group already has permission to use crown land on either side of the municipal property but needs council's permission to use the township property as a corri-

dor to connect the trails.

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig didn't see a problem with the request. "They're not going to hurt the septage," said Stoughton-Craig.

In the end, council granted its permission for the 2005-2006 season on the condition that it meets Certificate of Approval stipulations and that it is well back of the septage.

Road name signs

In the wake of 911 implementation, there are still a number of roads with two sign names.

In a letter from 911 Clerk Cathy Howe, the county reminded the municipality of its responsibility to remove former road name signs from its roads as soon as possible. County administrators have received a number of calls complaining that there are a number of areas where there is still confusion over road names. Concerns revolve around the ability of emergency service to correctly respond to an incorrect name.

Cardiff community centre

Fleming College wants to rent the Cardiff community centre for more time than originally planned. The original agreement was for the college's adult learning program New Directions, a training course on employability skills that includes topics like stress management, nutrition, and problem solving.

It was originally slotted for once a week from January 9 to March 31 for 4 hours a day. It will now run twice a week, with the add-on day rented at no charge due to the program's non-profit status. (The original agreement was set at \$10 an hour because at the time the

program was not designated non-profit.)

Council had no objection to the request. "It's not a problem as long as they don't interfere with other things going on at the community centre," said Deputy-reeve Bill Howe.

Nuts 'n' bolts

The doors to the Highlands East arena will be getting a facelift. As part of the county's accessibility plan, council approved a tender from T.D. Ward to replace the doors for \$11,786. The news means that the notoriously heavy doors will be more friendly for the handicapped. Most of the money will come out of the accessibility plan budget. Only one tender was received for the project.

Stoughton Electric was the winner out of two tenders to supply a wood-oil combination furnace at the Cardiff garage, proposing \$7,152 to complete the job.

Council also approved about \$1,500 to purchase 12 new plastic tables for Highlands Grove community centre. The new, lighter tables will make it easier for community events to set up and clean up.

Mystery boats

Council wants a motorboat, canoe, and paddle that are parked on Wilbermere Lake public beach to be removed. CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig says she has an idea of who the owners are and will notify them immediately to remove the boats. If not, council may consider removing the boats themselves. "We have to nip this in the bud," said Stoughton-Craig, implying that it was improper for someone to use the public space for their personal use.

Police make one break-in arrest as more thefts reported

On Thursday, October 27, the Bancroft OPP with the assistance of the East Region Rural and Agricultural Crime Team made an arrest in the continued effort to address property crime offences.

Following several weeks of investigation, a 26-year-old Wilberforce man was located in a shed in Wilberforce, and arrested on outstanding warrants. He has been charged with possession of stolen property and failing to comply with a probation order.

The charges stem from a break and enter on Airport Road in Hastings Highlands.

This was the fifth arrest in the past week by the Bancroft OPP.

Break-ins

Officers were called to five reports of break-ins or thefts in Highlands East.

Sometime overnight on October 28 a large quantity of products including cigarettes was stolen from Jack's Butcher Store on Hwy. 28.

On Topps Drive the front door of a cottage was smashed.

A cottage on Aryhart Lake Rd. was forcibly entered some time in the month prior and a Star Trak receiver, a Sony VCR player, Bear compound bow in a soft case with a dozen arrows, an older Stihl chainsaw, and a small Poulin chainsaw were stolen.

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Messiah Choir member Betty Mills, right, sings her heart out during the rehearsal with members of the College Community Choir from Lindsay at the United Church in Haliburton. Haliburton and Lindsay singers, numbering 140 people, will perform together at the Christmas Choruses at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden at 3 p.m. on Nov. 20 and in Lindsay at the Calvary Pentecostal Church on Nov. 19. Tickets can be purchased at Kitchens Etcetera in Haliburton and Minden Pharmasave.

Hurricane makes life more difficult for sun seekers in Mexico

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Linda Coneybeare didn't have to worry about anyone stranded in Cancun during Hurricane Wilma's devastating rain, but she is having to find other destinations for travellers who had intended to visit Mexico's famed Mayan Coast this winter.

Many sun seekers, including several who are leaving this week, are being transferred to resort areas on Mexico's Pacific Coast. It was not affected by this year's ferocious hurricane season.

Flights to Cancun are cancelled until November 9, and even then she says it will be months before the region recovers.

"It will make availability difficult to find for the rest of winter," says the owner of Travel Plus in Haliburton.

The travel agency industry is cautioning people to beware if they make their travel plans independently. Some resorts will have sustained damage during the busiest hurricane season on record.

"We recommend everyone book through a travel agent because at times like this it's hard to talk to a computer," she says. "I've never found one that answered me back."

Waterfront properties will feel the brunt of any increases

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waterfront properties rose 20 per cent in Highlands East and 27 per cent in Dysart et al. Again, both figures were substantially higher than the provincial average of 12 per cent.

The discrepancy between waterfront

and non-waterfront assessments means that it will be virtually impossible for councils to target a tax rate that will affect everyone the same. Because municipalities are unable to segregate tax rates by property classifications, waterfront owners will likely feel the brunt of it.

The hardest hit will be seniors on a fixed income who have owned their homes for generations but are faced with an increased tax burden. Some say the county may see more cottage owners renting out their summer homes for one or two weeks in order to help cover their taxes.

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A heavy debt

There are many people who are probably surprised to read that we still owe so much money for our new hospitals. After all, the new facilities in Minden and Haliburton have been open for years. We almost take their existence for granted.

When permission for the new facilities was granted, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board wisely decided to borrow the \$6-million for the county's share rather than

echo

editorial

martha perkins

Build the hospitals, let people see how beautiful they are, and the money will come.

The county was asked to pay the interest on the loan, with the hope it would be paid off in five years. Then it became seven. With several bequests outstanding (it's crass to say but you have to wait until the donor dies), the HHHS Foundation believes it can pay the debt off by the end of 2007.

County councillors are right in assuming there'd be a huge public outcry against a levy for the last million dollars. Cottagers are already going to be hit hard this year because of rising assessments and will be in no mood for any additional increases. With elections slated for next November, politicians would be imposing a levy at their peril.

But if you leave aside the bequests, the prospects of being able to pay off the final million by next December seem slim. The galas and golf tournaments are important fundraisers, but there simply aren't enough of them to do the trick. So what to do?

One of the reasons cottagers are so up in arms about property taxes this year is the huge increases we've seen in waterfront property values. The face of Haliburton County is changing. (*The Echo* advertised a lot – a bare lot – on Drag Lake for \$950,000 last week.) That means we've got some people with pretty deep pockets discovering the Highlands. Many of them might work for companies or corporations that have charity offshoots. If we could tap into people who are only now discovering what terrific healthcare facilities we have in the Highlands, it might help. After all, it's the least they could do for contributing to the rise in everyone's property taxes, right?

Don't fence shoppers in

It's too bad that whoever put up the fence between the new Bargain Store and Haliburton IGA didn't go through the *Echo's* archives first.

The old fence, which was between what was then two competing grocery stores, was the bane of shoppers' existence. People who shopped at one store often shopped at the other, and in the winter especially it was annoying to have to walk all the way around the fence from one to the other. Finally, the two grocery stores made peace and the fence was taken down.

Now an even higher fence has been put up – no jumping over this little barrier.

Other than protecting parking areas, the fence doesn't make much sense. People tend to park their cars in one downtown location and shop at several stores. It's one of the things downtown merchants who provide public spaces have to accept. It's certainly more environmentally sensible than parking in one spot, shopping, and then parking in another.

It's a small point but the old fence really was a nuisance and, if downtown businesses really want people to shop downtown, then it's wise to reduce the nuisance factor as much as possible. The downtown core is all in this together, and we need a little togetherness when it comes to parking, too.



Hallowe'en.

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

Mists and mellow fruitfulness

October is "the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" according to the English poet John Keats; October – having brought to a close the bounty of our land – ends in a splash of childhood delight, Hallowe'en. Then November begins. Almost overnight the mellowness of October dissolves into the somberness of November. From the first day we focus gradually but increasingly on our Day of Remembrance, the day we set aside to honour those who fought and died to defend our way of life, and to vow 'never again.'

Such extremes! For weeks before Hallowe'en children dream of the supernatural, fairy tale, and extraterrestrial beings that they will become on Hallowe'en, the night that ends October. Their excitement increasingly becomes palatable. Adults enter into the fun and decorate and keep goodies on hand so that they can treat rather than be tricked. Then comes November; as adults move towards Remembrance Day, excitement turns to sadness. Grey November, whose most vivid colour comes from the blood red poppies on our lapels – that visual emphasis to the pervading melancholy – enters.

Hallowe'en is filled with the imaginings of the supernatural. Once, long ago, it was not an evening for artificial spookiness and riotous fun but serious belief that the ghosts and goblins, and spirits of the dead would be walking out that night. Its fantasies we still celebrate, its oppressive doom we have long accepted as myth.

Remembrance Day comes not from the supernatural realm of belief but from real events – the day of the signing of the so-called peace agreement amongst the combatants in the War of 1914-1918, that 'War to End all Wars.' Relief, pride in what was accomplished, even optimism may describe the mood of the conquering side for the next fifteen years or so. In hindsight their seeming realities are the stuff of fantasy.

After that war the century managed to manoeuvre Western mankind into ever greater conflict. We are gradually realizing that mass killing has seeped into our way of life with ever-growing ferocity, ever more powerful and annihilating weapons of destruction, ever increasing, even if passive, acceptance of civilian slaughter, now frequently termed merely collateral damage.

Enter this new century. Ghosts and goblins and fairies and extraterrestrial beings still come out that last eve in October to haunt us and make us delight in their creative costumes and their innocent ability to imagine their personae as, for that one night, real. Early each November, however, as we promise ourselves that we will continue to believe, that we will remember the horrors, the realities, the devastation of wars that we humans inflict upon ourselves, are we really as dedicated, or is the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month becoming but a memorial moment, an acknowledgement of a time long past?

The generation that can actually remember begins to pass from our world. They have worked so long and hard to get future generations to grasp the horrors that were the reality of war. Time, however, moves on. The horrors become as unreal as the ghosts and goblins to us who live peacefully, far away from the TV images. Too many of our young are steeped more in their fantasies of the thrill and romance of the dangers of war than in its truths. They will become the leaders who may see war as a reasonable alternative not as a last resort.

Long into the future will Remembrance Day become like Hallowe'en, where we merely give the nod to its origins long ago. Will we forget that Remembrance Day is meant to teach a lesson? It is intended to impress upon us that wars and their horrors are the result of human action in the real world.



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Caught red-handed

I've always hoped people understand that things are not always as they appear. This was my sincere wish a couple of weeks ago when I accidentally walked into a restaurant with a magnum goose call in the front pocket of my hunting pants, and it certainly was the case last Wednesday for reasons I will soon explain.

Aside from the fact that it began with a W, that day was like any other. I woke up, did a bit of writing, and then decided to take the dog and gun out for a quick walk in the bush. Some people might call this hunting, but not me. No, I've been at it long enough to know that calling it this jinxes the whole endeavour. Besides, I always see more game on a walk than on a hunt.

the view from



steve
galea

vinegar hill

During our walk, the dog scared up a snowshoe hare as she sometimes does - actually, I'm not sure who scared whom, but I do know that the

end result was that my dog put the run on the rabbit. Of course, I would have preferred ruffed grouse, duck, or woodcock, but if you own a springer spaniel you better like surprises because you're never really sure what's next. The truth is I was just happy it wasn't a porcupine or skunk.

When the rabbit scooted by, I took a shot and in one of those rare occurrences, the shot and the rabbit met. Callie was just about as happy as a dog can be without actually having another dog there for sniffing practice. I, too, was pleased, because I don't mind rabbit stew every now and again. And the way I hunt them, trust me, it's more again than now.

In any case, with game in the bag, and me half in the bag from all that walking, Callie and I thought we should just cut our losses, go home and clean the rabbit. And that is where it all went wrong.

Now, normally when I'm finished cleaning game, I take the inedible parts and walk them across the road and dump them in the woods. I figure that way, at least, I'm feeding the ravens, coons, fox and coyotes that roam around these parts. Call me crazy but I feel good about this since I know I'm not wasting any part of the animal. Most times, the guts are gone within a day.

So there I was on the way back from that chore, stepping out of the woods, and crossing the road. Suddenly, a car comes over the rise as I'm on the centre line shuffling towards home. The driver slows down and waves, as the good folks around here often do.

Lost in thoughts of rabbit stew, I wave back. Only then do I realize that I am bloody from the elbows down.

So to recap, I am wandering aimlessly down the centre line of a country road, wearing a distant, expressionless gaze on my face, my hair is a wild, unkempt mess, and I am covered in gore from the elbows down. To make matters worse, I have just stepped out of the woods, much in the same way that your garden-variety psychos tend to do after burying victims, I imagine.

To make matters worse, the driver was probably lost in all sorts of Hallowe'en thoughts, as people tend to be at this time of year. Let's face it, you can't turn on the television these days without seeing the trailer of some kind of scary movie. Most, by the way, look very similar to the scene he had just witnessed.

I found it particularly interesting to watch the reaction of the car from that point on. At first he hit the brakes, actually three or four times. That's when, I suppose, his mind was following his nobler instincts. He probably thought I was hurt and needed help.

But then, I figure, all the Hallowe'en thoughts kicked in. It probably occurred to him that I was some sort of axe murderer. This, more than anything, I imagine, explains why he put the pedal to the metal down the hill.

When I walked into the house minutes later, I explained to Carol what just happened. Helpful as always, she promptly advised me to sit on the chair by the window so that the SWAT team sniper wouldn't have to ruin any other furniture.

The funny thing is, nothing came of it. There were no polite inquiries from the police. No SWAT team take-downs. Not even a helicopter flying overhead.

I mean, I was caught red-handed so to speak. And it surely looked suspicious. Even I wouldn't have blamed the driver for reporting it.

But he didn't. Talk about a stroke of luck. I mean, what are the odds of running into another rabbit hunter on the road?



pic of the past

Where would Wilberforce be without its well-used Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre. This photo from 1939 shows Mr. Watson and his wife, Elsie. The son of a railway section man on the I.B.&O. in Tory Hill, Mr. Watson was an outstanding citizen in the area. He died on December 11, 1968. Our thanks to Gren Schrader of Oakville and Gelert for sharing this week's Pic of the Past with us.

letters to the editor

Writer doesn't want homosexuality taught in school as being 'normal'

To the Editor:

In last week's *Echo* there were three articles concerning homosexuality. One theme runs throughout: anyone who opposes homosexuality is intolerant, a bigot, hateful, mean spirited, or vicious.

Fay Martin is quoted as saying, "Look at the vicious letters in the paper," referring to the flood of letters the *Echo* receives after an article on gay issues. During the debate on gay marriage I took particular pains to cut out articles for and against gay marriage. If the *Echo* received a flood of mail opposing gay marriage, I certainly didn't see them. There were three letters opposing gay marriage and seven letters castigating those who showed their concerns. I, for one, sent a letter to the editor about gay marriage back in January of this year but the *Echo* refused to print it.

Entrenching sexual orientation in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and in our provincial charter was a big mistake.

In the *Echo*'s "Bridging the Gap" article, we see that the Trillium Lakelands District School Board is a member of the Rainbow Youth Coalition, a gay and lesbian advocacy group. Homosexual activists are now focusing their efforts on public schools, viewing them as an opportunity to change society's negative perception of homosexual behaviour.

Most Evangelical Christians, (of which I am one) believe that God created the heavens and the earth.

We believe that God created man for woman and woman for man. There's no doubt in my mind that God is not pleased with homosexuality. I have nine grandchildren whom I love very much. I don't want them being taught in our public schools that homosexuality is a normal, equal lifestyle choice.

Dave Switzer,
West Guilford

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



County says it's too late to consider a HHHSF levy

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offered to raise the entire capital loan from municipal property taxes. Instead, the HHHS Foundation created an ambitious five-year plan to erase the capital loan. That original target date has now been pushed back to the end of 2007 – almost 10 years after the foundation's beginning – which is causing the county to feel a trace of bitterness over past decisions that trumped fundraising over the tax route.

"We offered to pay it off twice and that sits bad at the county level," said Harrison. "The foundation didn't want us to pay it off. And so now when we can't really afford it, we are being pressured to pay it off. It's not sitting well, there's no question about it."

Adding to the county's displeasure is the mounting interest payments it is responsible for. Last year, the county paid \$43,000 toward the interest in the capital loan. To date, over half a million dollars has been routed just for interest payments – some of which may have been saved if it had been levied from the beginning.

Aside from councillors' hesitations, it would be virtually impossible to get ratepayers to see any type of levy as fair. County treasurer Laura Janke worked out that the remaining debt would cost \$29 per \$100,000 assessment, which means those with a \$400,000 property assessment would be paying four times as much as would a \$100,000 property. The prospect would be even more

unpopular in light of the recent and dramatic property assessment increases that are bound to raise taxes for some.

And then there is the whole issue of who has dug into their pockets for the foundation in past years and who has not.

"If you've given \$100 in donations while your neighbour has not, then you'll wonder why you should pay another \$30," said Janke.

Even HHHS CEO Keith Sansford appears to be growing impatient with the remaining debt. At the recent board of directors meeting, Sansford alluded to the need to get away from the capital loan so that the foundation can invest in medical technologies that will be increasingly vital to providing proper health care.

"If we don't do that, then there are significant repercussions," said Sansford. "If we are not able to provide those modalities then diagnostic services to our residents are going to be strained and we can't allow that to happen."

There are also grumblings among politicians about "donor fatigue" in the community. Dale Walker, HHHS Foundation executive director, acknowledges that some donor fatigue is there but does not feel it is insurmountable.

"Certainly we've always known that the last million would be the hardest," said Walker, who says the exact figure remaining is \$980,000. "But I still think there are lots of people to donate out there, perhaps people who haven't donated to our cause yet."



Picture of health

As part of the Family Abuse Prevention campaign a Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit Family Health Nurse Mary Lou Mills shows two place mats that were distributed to local Haliburton County restaurants depicting images and captions related to family abuse prevention. At right, Johnna Hutchings, a JDHES Grade 7 student, shows her winning image that appears on one of the place mats. She won a gift certificate for a bicycle helmet. The campaign was borne from the efforts of the Community Caring for Children and Ready to Go committees. There were 25 entries entered in the contest that included a Stuart Baker Elementary School student's entry from 2003.

Fall

JOHN RAYNARD

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Canada World Youth raised \$1,634 for the 4Cs through their Coppers Bringing Change to the World campaign. By collecting loose change and hosting a barbecue with food donated by Steve Todd of Your Independent Grocers and Dan Chumbley of the Butcher Block, participants were able to say thanks to their favourite store in the Highlands. The campaign was led by OPP Const. Val Jarvis and much appreciated by the 4Cs' Ave Petch, both at right.

CWY helps its favourite store one penny at a time

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When you live in Kenya, your wardrobe doesn't include many sweaters, gloves or scarves, let alone the quintessential Canadian toque.

But your budget also doesn't allow you to spend much money on clothes to keep you warm when you are chosen to go to Canada at a time when the north wind is blowing away the last vestiges of summer.

That's why the Lily Ann has become the store of choice for a group of Kenyans visiting Haliburton with Canada World Youth. As the temperatures drop, many of them drop by at least once a day to add another layer of warmth. One is even volunteering there with his Canadian counterpart.

Last week, they said thanks to the Lily Ann by raising \$1,634 to help pay for the used clothing store's new home on York Street.

Through Coppers Bringing Change to the World and a barbecue supported by two local businessmen, the fundraising campaign also helped the 28 Canada World Youth participants fulfill their obligation to help the community they are calling home for three months.

"Any service that we contribute directly helps people in society," says Danilo Ole Legei. "We are able to bridge the gulf between the rich and poor."

"We're a community-based program that tries to get involved with members of the community," says one of the 14 Canadian participants, Bryce Meldrum of Alberta.

"The 4Cs is helping me," says Saaya Karmushu.

On a sunny later October Saturday afternoon, the Kenyans are all dressed in their Lily Ann treasures when they converge in front of the Lily Ann to present the cheque to the 4Cs, which runs the clothing depot as well as the food bank.

William Koonoo stands out in his

flamboyant short-sleeved Hawaiian shirt. "I come here to look around," says the young man from Pond Inlet, Nunavut. "I want to help the people, too, so they are not hungry."

"This is just fabulous," says Ave Petch of the 4Cs. It has to raise \$50,000 to pay its share of the cost for the new straw bale building built by Fleming College students as part of the sustainable development program at the Haliburton campus.

"We're getting there," she says of capital campaign's progress.

Coppers Bringing Change for the World is an ongoing program of the International Association of Women Police. It started collecting pennies, or coppers, to raise money for a women's shelter in Uganda. That shelter is now up and running, so members are choosing new projects. The 4Cs was chosen by Minden OPP Const. Val Jarvis, who is also a host parent to two participants.

"A handful of pennies will get you nothing in Canada but 10 cents will feed someone in Africa for a day," she says of why she loves the program's effective simplicity.

The campaign got a boost by a community barbecue. With food supplied by Steve Todd at Your Independent Grocer and Dan Chumbley of Butcher Block, the event added to what they were able to raise by collecting loose change. Hotdogs were \$1 and hamburgers were \$2, which meant people of any income could participate in the fundraising effort. Gord Kidd and Ric Pringle provided the entertainment and MP Barry Devolin dropped by to offer his support. Pond Inlet's William also entranced everyone with his throat singing.

Once the day was over, it then fell to the CWY to roll all that loose change. There were 77,400 pennies alone.

Meanwhile, the 4Cs volunteers have come to love their CWY visitors and Petch says they'll really be missed when they leave for Kenya early next month.



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The committee would also like to thank the hundreds of volunteers from the community who helped make this festival a wonderful event.



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J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Vice Principal Greg Arkwright gets some colour added to his hair by top fundraisers Jillian Mayhew, at left, and Lily Coneybears during the QSP Readers Digest Magazine Campaign. JDHES raised the most amount ever, collecting \$46,678 through magazine sales. This total "matched and destroyed" last year's total by more than \$6,000. There will be \$16,000 that will be directed to the students at JDHES. Lily raised \$933 and Jillian raised \$1,134. Photo by Darren Lum.

Eagle Lake Cooperage property is a family affair

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Sitting on a dock on Eagle Lake last summer, Kevin Shea and his three brothers-in-law were talking about the rumours they'd heard about a development being planned for part of the old Cooperage property.

As they were talking, their friend Peter Brady drove up in his boat and they asked him what he knew about the development. It turns out he was the realtor for the company, which was about to pull out of the deal because it couldn't get approval for its plans.

That really got the four brothers-in-law talking.

Today, the four men own the 30 acres. In return for giving the public beach area,

which sits on the property, to Dysart et al, and changing the zoning from industrial to residential, they have been granted permission to create eight lots.

Four of the lots rim about 1,100 feet of shoreline from Silver Eagle Resort to the beach. The four brothers-in-law are going to build on those lots, which total about 10 acres.

There have been four other lots created on the other 20 acres: two of them fronting the river and two fronting Sir Sam's Road.

When he first heard rumours that Greif Containers was going to sell a small portion of the land it owns in Eagle Lake, like other cottagers Shea was a bit concerned about the proposed development. (Greif Containers is the former International Cooperage company that built barrels at a mill on the shores of Eagle Lake. The American-based company still logs the 5,000 acres that it owns in the area but had no business reasons for keeping the 30 acres of shoreline property.)

Since Eagle Lake is at capacity for development, he worked with the municipality and the Ministry of Environment to come up with a plan that was acceptable to everyone.

Since the land is zoned industrial, the

new owners would have been able to build a factory on the lake's shore. They agreed to rezone it residential.

The four family lots are about 1,000 feet deep and they've agreed to put the septic systems 800 feet from the shoreline to minimize any risk of leachate reaching the lake.

"We're going to build, on the assumption we get approved, with the latest in terms of what's environmentally smart," Shea says. "As a cottager on the lake I want to do something good for the lake."

They've also agreed to deed the part of the property that's now used as a public park to the municipality.

One of the river lots is the site of the Eagle Lake sculpture. They've agreed to keep the sculpture on the property; if that becomes a problem for the new owner, the municipality has offered to help them move it.

Although Eagle Lake has no cottage association, Shea did talk to several lake residents about his family's plans and says he received nothing but support.

And what lot will he be getting? Shea says he and his brothers-in-law have decided to do a draw to determine who gets what.

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The crowd cheered during the HHSS Jr. girls basketball game against I.E. Weldon but it wasn't enough to get Haliburton on the scoreboard. Photo, Darren Lum.

Wildcats trounce HHSS

Junior girls basketball players just couldn't score, now matter how hard they tried

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 22
IEW 34

In front of a boisterous home crowd the HHSS Jr. girls basketball team came up short against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats on Thursday, Oct. 27. The Wildcats entered the game undefeated in league play (6 - 0).

No matter how hard the partisan audience cheered, the Red Hawks just couldn't score, lacking finish on their fast breaks in the fourth quarter to lose 34 - 22.

This followed a disastrous first quarter

when the Red Hawks were flat and the Wildcats took full advantage by jumping to a 12 - 2 lead.

Slowly the home side drew closer to tying the Wildcats. Their momentum continued into the third quarter when the Red Hawks drew to within three points; with three minutes left in the quarter they went on a 10 - 0 run.

The Wildcats countered and outscored the Red Hawks 10 - 5 in the final quarter. Despite strong defense and aggressive play by the Red Hawks in the fourth quarter the Wildcats kept scoring. HHSS

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Scoring stifled

Red Hawks forward Kirsten Rae gets blocked off from the side of the net and lost to the top-ranked and undefeated I.E. Weldon Wildcats 45 - 31. HHSS finished the season with two wins and six losses. Photo by Darren Lum.



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Red Hawks make playoffs

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Nothing seems to be standing in the way of the Red Hawks.

The HHSS Sr. boys football team capped their season by shutting out the Holy Cross Hurricanes on the road to finish with an undefeated record (5 - 0) on Thursday, Oct. 27.

They seem poised to continue their winning ways in the playoffs.

They will host the Kenner Rams here

on Tuesday, 2:15 p.m.

A semi-final win against the Rams will ensure a possible showdown with the Adam Scott Lions (should the Lions win) here on Saturday at 12 noon, Nov. 5. Should the Lions lose the Red Hawks would play on the road against the Norwood Knights.

Offensive coach Gary Brohman said the victory over the Hurricanes came down to great defense and domination of the line of scrimmage through the sec-

ond half.

The turnaround in the game, he added, could be credited to the offensive line: Josh Mayhew, centre, Brendan White and Bill Kulas, guards, John Briggs and Dylan Holmes, tackles, and tight end Josh Townsend.

The group opened holes for the backs to score. Of note is the fact that this group has not given up a sack.

Brohman added that it's not unusual for the team to play better in the second half.

"Our team played better in the second half of every game this season. The reason for that is basically that we had no one going both ways," he said. "We tire teams out".

Brohman points out that Matt Roberts and James Allison are the only exceptions.

Another ingredient of the great season is the team's defense, which has performed well, finishing the season with two shutouts.

Defensive backs Jeff and Jack Harrison, Brohman said, are the leaders of the defensive unit.

"We keep looking forward to their outstanding play. These two guys take the pass away from teams so well we make them run. They come up and do some hitting as well," he said.

Backs Kevin Crofts, Allison and Adam Trueman hit the scoreboard with single touchdowns.

Looking to Tuesday, Brohman is confident about the playoffs.

"I'm really confident about Tuesday, but Saturday you never know," he said.

Red Hawks couldn't keep pace and missed many breaks

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couldn't keep pace and missed on several fast breaks.

Coach Gervais realizes the Wildcats are, on average, a much bigger team, but knows her team can do better than the scoreboard showed. The size difference, she adds, is offset by quickness and the ability to make the fast break. Unfortunately, she said, the team wasn't able to follow through on those opportunities.

Gervais said the team will work on finishing but that she's satisfied with her team.

"I like the fact that we have no stars. Everyone contributes," she said.

The coach is certain this won't be their last encounter with the Wildcats.

"We'll see them again in the playoffs. We'll see what happens then," she said.

Right now the team is preparing for their first round of the Kawartha West playoffs against the Fenelon Falls Falcons on Thursday, Nov. 3. This will determine seeding for the Kawartha playoffs in Cobourg on Nov. 17.

"It'll work out for us hopefully," she said. "We did beat them the last time."



The high school senior boys football team has been on a roll, finishing the final game of the season on a high note. The playoffs start today (Tuesday) at 2:15 p.m. File photo, Darren Lum.

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Peewees light up Tri-County scoreboards

First game sees team firing on all cylinders, winning 15-1

MARK FREEMAN

Special to the Echo

Welcome to another year of hockey with the Tri-County Peewees. With the team excited to play their first game of the year, it finally arrived Sunday, October 16 in Beaverton.

After playing in the Muskoka/Parry Sound or northern loop as an additional entry team for the past three years, they were unfamiliar with what the Tri-County or Southern loop had in store

for them. The first test found the crew firing on all cylinders, with points coming from each player and culminating in a final score of 15-1 in favour of the Storm.

The next weekend the team found themselves busy with three games booked. The first was Oct. 21 against Fenelon Falls at home in Minden. Again the Storm squad showed outstanding form to complete the match with a 16-0 victory. Congratulations to Rob Lewis on his first shutout of the season.

Oct. 22 saw the boys and girl in a rematch with Beaverton at home in Haliburton, finishing with a commanding 12-2 win.

On the Sudnay the Storm was off to Bobcaygeon. Once again, excited to face a new challenge, the group came out hard and fast. Bobcaygeon answered with aggressive checking. Playing together, the Storm responded with a 9-1 win.

So, with four games under their belts, this Peewee team has accumulated an

impressive 52 goals for and only four goals against.

Congratulations to this talented group on their great start to the season. The team consists of Greg Clements, Nick Freeman, Marcie Dick, Colby Cunningham, Stephan Schollig, Jon Salvatori, John Rae, Dillon Upton, Mike Mazara, Brady Dodds, and goalie Rob Lewis. The team would also like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge team sponsors at the Peppermill Restaurant for their support.

Highland Storm hockey schedule

The following are upcoming home games for the Highland Storm.

In Minden

Nov. 1
Tyke vs Fenlon Falls 5:30
Nov. 4
Bantam TC vs Sunderland 7:00
Nov. 5
Midget A vs Home Tournament 8:00
Nov. 6

Bantam TC vs Beaverton Blue 2:30
Bantam A vs Almaguin 4:00

In Haliburton

Nov. 5
Novice vs Parry Sound 3:00
Atom A vs Huntsville 4:30
Atom TC vs Omamee Teal 6:00
Midget TC vs Mariposa Blue 7:30
Nov. 6
Tyke vs Woodville 10:30 am

High school student places fourth in cross-country running competition

Emily Turner placed fourth at COSSA hosted by Thomas A. Stewart on Oct. 28. She missed OFSAA placing out of the

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Deerhound Lost-and-Found

This year the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association is running a service for deer and moose hunters and any person who may find a lost hound.

If you find a lost hound during this year's moose and deer hunt, first check the dog's collar for an identification plate with the owner's name and telephone number. If the dog has a number clipped or painted on it, you may contact the owner using the list below, or drop the dog off at a Lost-and-Found Centre. If the dog has no number, you may drop the dog off at any one of the 8 Deerhound Lost-and-Found Centers listed below.

If you are the owner of a lost hound and are not registered with the Association, you should call any of the Lost-and-Found Centers. At the end of this year's hunt, unclaimed dogs will be turned over to the nearest municipal pound. Following the hunt, please call your municipal office.

Camps registered with the Lost-and-Found should display their camp number at their road entrance. To claim your dog at a Lost-and-Found Centers, you must provide proper identification and pay a \$5.00 per day per dog boarding fee.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association is an association dedicated to the outdoor sport of hunting & fishing and currently has about 400 members. The Association thanks those individuals and businesses who have volunteered to act as drop-off centers. If you wish to join the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, contact Kyla Greenham at 457-9664.

This program is sponsored in part by a generous donation from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Ontario Deer Hound Association. The Ontario Deer Hound Association has a similar program to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's for the deer hunters in the Bancroft-Maynooth Area.

-----Lost-and-Found Drop-off Centers-----

Orval Donaldson P.O. Box 82 Harcourt, ON 448-3263	Minden Animal Clinic Bobcaygeon Road Minden, ON 286-2919	Bradley MacDuff Highway 503 Gooderham, ON 447-2554 (home)	Terry Cowen Cowen's Taxidermy Haliburton, ON 457-2471
Brad & Maria Fort Irwin Marina Haliburton Lake 754-4176	Lyle Sawyer Sawyer's Garage West Guilford, ON 754-2283 or 754-2177	G'N Fishing Bait & Tackle County Rd. #7 754-4192	Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve Kennis Lake 754-2198

-----Registered Hunt Camps-----

Camp Name & Number	Camp Location	Home Address & Phone No	Camp Name & Number	Camp Location	Home Address & Phone No
A1 North Lake Hunt Camp	North Lake, Harburn Twp.	Curry Bishop North Lake 754-3169	T1 Birds Hunt Club	Haliburton	Glen Bird Haliburton 457-3777
A4 Hodgson Camp	Haliburton Lake Harburn Twp.	Keith Hodgson Haliburton 457-5360	T4 Paddock Turn Hunt Club	Minnicook Lake Rd.	Larry Purdy RR 1, Haliburton 754-4192
A11 Maughan Hunt Camp	Essonville Line	Gary Maughan Essonville Line 448-2841 457-6456	T7 Millionaires Hunt Club	Haliburton Forest	Blake Sisson West Guilford 754-2731
F1 Cross Cut	Maple Lake	Keith Harrison Haliburton 754-4428	T11 Kirby Bagg	Eagle Lake	Kirby Bagg Eagle Lake 754-2538 754-1675
H1 Larry Hewitt	Red Pine Lake Sherbourne Twp.	Larry Hewitt Box 1041, Haliburton 457-1386 754-2339	U1 Misfit Hunt Club	Lot 9, Conc. 2 Cardiff	John F. McKelvey Box 113 Bowmanville ON, L1C 3K8 905-438-2331
H4 Cooper Camp	Johnston Lake Haliburton Forest	Earl Cooper RR 1, Haliburton 754-2388	V1 Maple Lake Hunt Club	Maple Lake	Matt Barnhart RR 1, Haliburton 754-2656
H7 Redstone Hunt Camp	Big Redstone Lake	Barry Boice West Guilford 754-4452 754-1562	V11 Don Graham's Hunt Camp	Gooderham Lot 29, Conc. 11	Don Graham Gooderham 447-2419
H10 Cowen Hunt Camp	Haliburton	Terry Cowen Haliburton 457-2471	X1 Rosenberg Camp	Marsh Lake, Harburn Twp.	Larry Rosenberg RR 2, Haliburton 457-1459
H11 Lower Forty Hunt Club	Dysart Twp.	Bruce Sawyer Box 102, Haliburton 457-2933	X2 Romano Hunt Club	Buckhorn Rd Gooderham	Rob Romano 281 Andrew St. Newcastle, L1B 1K3 905-987-4329
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M2 White Birch Hunt Club	Irondale	Murray Simmons Box 22, Irondale 447-2380	Y7 Mom's Hunt Camp	Haliburton Forest Bones Lake	Darol Sisson Box 56, Haliburton 448-2543
O1 Round O Hunt Camp	Round O Lake Harburn Twp	Dan Brotherstone 649 County Rd - 21 RR 3, Millbrook 705-932-1909	Y11 Whiskey Ridge	Haliburton	Dennis Byers Haliburton 457-1860
O2 Kevman Hunt Camp	Airport Rd & East 648 Hwy	Manfred Nemeczek RR 3, Bancroft, ON 613-339-1147 416-579-1244	Z1 Maple Hills Hunt Club	Coleman Lake	Paul Hebert Coleman Lake Rd. 754-1442
O4 Rabbit Creek Hunt Club	East Lake Harburn Twp.	Mark Schell 457-2544	Z4 Guilford Hunt Club	Haliburton Forest	Glenn Fraser 204 Birchlea Dr. Guilfor, ON L0L 1R0 456-3776
PL Paul's Lake Hunt Club	Hindon Twp.	Ron Hubbs RR1, Carrying Place K0K 1L0 905-404-3090 Cell	Z11 High Ridge Hunt Club	Guilford Twp.	Tim Barry West Guilford 754-3091

Trustees decrease mileage increase

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the October 25 meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. They are provided by the board.

Trustees continued to discuss the decision made in September to change the mileage rate for the board from 39 cents a kilometre to 45 cents.

Trustees voted to reduce the travel allowance to 42 cents.

Aggressive students

Superintendent of Program Shelley Mierle outlined the progress made by the board in the area of managing aggressive students.

Staff training supports are in line with other boards. The level of training and awareness has increased based on formal training in CPI (Crisis Prevention Training) and UMAB (Understanding and Managing Aggressive Behaviour).

EQAO Results

TLDSB is pleased with the results from the Grade 3 and 6 EQAO assessments in all three areas – reading, writing and math. There have been ongoing improvements and the board is continuing to close the gap with the province.

Grade 9 math results show TLDSB are above the province but are slightly down from its own results of last year.

A full EQAO report will be presented



LANCE CROSSLEY/Echo

A tribute to a golfer

The life of Wayne Rickerby was remembered last week at the Delta Pinestone Resort golf course. The long time manager of the resort's pro golf shop had a creek named after him and a commemorative plaque unveiled in his honour. Delta Pinestone General Manager Scott de Savoye said Wayne would have appreciated the humour of the dedication, as it is the same creek he hit innumerable golf balls into. From left to right: Wayne's mother Phylis, his sister Janice, his wife Lynn, and Scott de Savoye.

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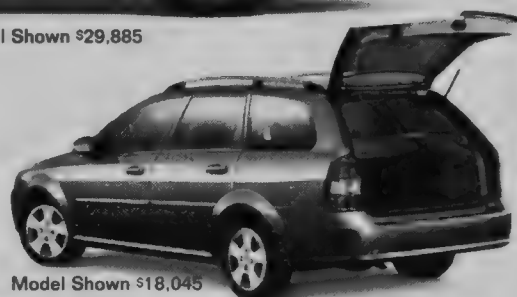
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Kids at Wilberforce Elementary School were all dressed up for Halloween last week, looking cute as proverbial buttons as they walked from class to class.

Be part of *A Party to Murder* Thursday night

The second Loop Troupe audition session for the play, *A Party to Murder*, is this Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre. The plot twists and turns will keep the audience on the edge of their seats. The full-length play features roles for three women and three men. Don't hesitate – come and try out.

The first Christmas Crafts sale of the season in this area is on this Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Always a good place to

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Hilda Clark
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find some unique gifts and Christmas decorations.

The Wilberforce Writers' Circle meets this Thursday, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Outpost Museum.

This is an open group welcoming writers and would-be writers over coffee for approximately two hours. Writing is discussed.

Some share some of their writing while others listen. Ideas are exchanged and everyone is encouraged to keep write. All welcome.



NOTICE

The audited Financial Statements for the year 2004 for the Municipality of Highlands East and the 2004 Municipal Performance Measurement Program results are now available. They have been posted under Financial Reports on the municipal website.

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Forty-six Legion members honoured

Bernard Sisson earns 60-year pin at one of the biggest awards nights in local Legion history

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Gerald Irish

What a celebration of membership was held at your Legion on October 23. Forty-six members received year pins honouring their tenure of service to Branch 129. This was one of the largest Honours and Awards ceremonies in many years.

At 6 p.m. the head table was piped into the auditorium by our perennial piper, Earl Cooper. Seated at the head table were Zone Commander Ian Colman, his wife and Zone Poppy Chairman Arlene Colman, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey and his life partner, Trillium Foundation member Donna McCallum, R.C.L. #1129 Cadet Leader Dan Collings and his wife Sue, Branch 129 President Jean Fletcher, Branch Secretary Gerald Irish and the organizer and master of ceremonies for the evening Honours and Awards chairman and past president of your branch, Joan Irish.

After a delicious banquet prepared by the dedicated Ladies Auxiliary of the branch and served by members of the Cadet Corps, the proceedings for the evening got under way. The assembled members heard greetings extended to them by Branch President Jean Fletcher, Zone Commander Colman and Reeve Fearrey.

Our guest speaker was Cadet Captain Dan Collings who spoke briefly about veterans and youth and reminded us that many of the men and women who served in the world wars were not much older than the young people with whom he and his committed staff work today.

Branch 129 has been the proud sponsor of this Cadet Corps for 25 plus years. It was started through the efforts of

the late Wayne Wood and Joan and Gerald Irish, the executive at that time and the supportive members of your Legion.

Membership pins were then presented. President Fletcher presented pins for 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years membership in Branch 129. Zone Commander Colman presented member-

ship pins for 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years. He also awarded medals and bars to members of your executive for holding offices in various chairs.

The highlight of these was the presentation of a 60-year

See **Legion's** page 19



Zone Commander Ian Colman, left, presented Bernard Sisson, centre, with a prestigious 60-year pin. Also in this photo is Gerald Irish, author of the Legion News. Photo by Bryn Weese.

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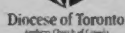
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Legion's next meeting date has changed

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pine to Bernard Sisson. Zone Commander Colman told us that he had attended many of these ceremonies in the past but he has never before had the honour of presenting a 60-year pin.

Mr. Sisson and his wife drove from Toronto to attend this celebration.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation for his long service to Branch 129 to our popular bar steward, Bernie Bain. Congratulations, Bernie.

During the many years I have known Bernie I have always found him to be most thoughtful, helpful and considerate. Bernie has worked the bar at your branch for 27 years. I, among many, am proud to call Bernie a friend. I would also like to thank Bernie's wife, Sharon, for working her female wiles to make sure Bernie was going to be present for the evening. Bernie received his certificate from President Fletcher. This is well deserved recognition and long overdue.

During the evening one lucky person at each table won

the table centre, autumn mums in flower pots hand painted by Joan Irish.

On Tuesday evening, October 25, Joan and I were invited to attend the 2005 Ontario Volunteer Ceremonies in Peterborough. The theme of this year's awards program was "Volunteers Build Communities" and this is true. Your own Legion in Haliburton was started by volunteers and with your assistance we will continue to build a better and stronger Legion and community. As Sir Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." This was evident as the volunteers were introduced. Their years of giving service ranged from five to more than 50 years.

Joan and I were there to see two of our own Legion volunteers receive the awards for which they were nominated. Legion President Jean Fletcher received her honour for over 20 years of dedication to branch 129. She was very proud as

were we. Wendy Rivers was also honoured for her many years of loyal work with Branch 129's Ladies Auxiliary and the Branch. Wendy was unable to attend but we picked up her awards for her and will present them to her at a later date. Congratulations to both ladies and may you have many more years of good works.

During this the Year of the Veteran it is only fitting that we all take time to pause and reflect on what was sacrificed for us. Plan to attend your Remembrance Day Services on November 11.

I was honoured the other day to receive an e-mail from a member of the Legion in Aurora requesting copies of branch 129 news to use as an example of community reporting at his branch. This past summer, while vacationing in the Highlands, he read *The Echo* and my articles and was pleased to see that the Legion is letting people know what is happening at their local branch.

Please note. Your next General Meeting date has been moved to November 3, starting at 7:30 p.m. Please be there and keep up with what is happening at your branch.

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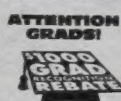
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